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**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:  
a first case in which a keyboard is provided;  
a second case in which a display unit is provided;  
a hinge unit which connects the first and second cases to  
5 each other such that the first and second cases are openable and  
closeable;  
a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer  
surface of the second case;  
a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second  
10 case and has a decorative shape; and  
a second engaging mechanism which is disposed on the cover  
member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;  
wherein the first engaging mechanism comprises:  
a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection,  
15 provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite  
side of the second case from the hinge unit; and  
second engaging portions provided near to the hinge  
unit on both side surfaces of the second case;  
wherein the second engaging mechanism comprises:  
20 a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface  
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from  
the hinge unit; and

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second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

25            wherein positions of the first and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions on the second ~~cover~~ case of the first and second engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism; and

             wherein the first engaging portion of the second  
30 engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging mechanism; and

35            wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer surface of the second case by engaging the first and second engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism, respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 1, wherein at least one of: (i) one of the second engaging portions of the second case and (ii) one of the second engaging

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portions of the cover member is elastically movable in  
5 engaging/disengaging directions.

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to  
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of  
the second case, and an opening is formed in a portion of the  
cover member at a position corresponding to the decoration on the  
5 outer surface of the second case.

8. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to  
claim 1, wherein a decoration is disposed on an outer surface of  
the second case, and a light transmitting member is disposed in a  
portion of the cover member at a position corresponding to the  
5 decoration on the outer surface of the second case.

9. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 7,  
wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a  
graphic and a pattern.

10. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 1,  
wherein the cover member is made of a synthetic resin which  
transmits light.

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11. (Previously Presented) An electronic device comprising:  
two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other such  
that the two cases are openable and closeable;

5 a cover member for decoration which is mounted on an outer  
surface of at least one of the two cases;

a first engaging mechanism which is disposed in the at least  
one of the cases; and

10 a second engaging mechanism which is disposed in the cover  
member to be engaged with the first engaging mechanism;

wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer  
surface of the at least one of the cases by engaging the first  
and second engaging mechanisms with each other;

15 wherein the first engaging mechanism includes engaging  
portions which are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit  
on both side surfaces of the at least one of the cases and  
engaging portions which are disposed at positions near to the  
hinge unit on said both side surfaces of the at least one of the  
cases;

20 wherein the second engaging mechanism includes engaging  
portions which are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit  
on both side surfaces of the cover member and engaging portions  
which are disposed at positions near to the hinge unit on said  
both side surfaces of the cover member; and

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25            wherein the engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism that are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit are rotatably engaged with the engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism that are disposed at positions away from the hinge unit.

12. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 11, wherein a mirror is disposed on an inner surface of the cover member facing the outer surface of the at least one of the cases.

13. (Previously Presented) A cover member for an electronic device, wherein the electronic device comprises: (i) a first case in which a keyboard is provided, (ii) a second case in which a display is provided, (iii) a hinge unit connecting the first case  
5    and the second case to each other to be openable and closeable, and (iv) a first engaging mechanism which is disposed on the second case, has a decorative shape, and comprises a first engaging portion, which comprises a projection, provided at a tip end surface of the second case at an opposite side of the second  
10    case from the hinge unit, and second engaging portions provided near to the hinge unit on both side surfaces of the second case, and wherein the cover member is mountable to an outer surface of the second case, said cover member comprising:

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a second engaging mechanism which comprises:

15           a first engaging portion provided at a tip end surface  
of the cover member at an opposite side of the cover member from  
the hinge unit; and

            second engaging portions provided near to the hinge  
unit on both side surfaces of the cover member;

20           wherein positions of the first and second engaging  
portions of the second engaging mechanism correspond to positions  
on the second cover of the first and second engaging portions of  
the first engaging mechanism; and

            wherein the first engaging portion of the second  
25   engaging mechanism projects from the tip end surface of the cover  
member and defines a concavity which engages the projection of  
the first engaging portion of the first engaging mechanism when  
the second engaging mechanism is engaged with first engaging  
mechanism;

30           wherein the cover member is detachably mounted on the outer  
surface of the second case by engaging the first and second  
engaging portions of the first engaging mechanism with the first  
and second engaging portions of the second engaging mechanism,  
respectively.

14. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to  
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer

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surface of the second case, and an opening is formed in a portion  
of the cover member at a position corresponding to the decoration  
5 on the outer surface of the second case.

15. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to  
claim 13, wherein a decoration is disposed on a part of the outer  
surface of the second case, and a light transmitting member is  
disposed in a portion of the cover member at a position  
5 corresponding to the decoration on the outer surface of the  
second case.

16. (Original) A cover member according to claim 14, wherein  
the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a  
pattern.

17. (Original) An electronic device comprising:

two cases;

a hinge unit which connects the two cases to each other and  
by which the two cases are openable and closeable;

5 an electronic unit disposed in at least one of the two  
cases;

a flat-shaped cover member which is mounted to at least one  
of the cases and is overlapped with an outer surface of at least  
one of the cases to cover the outer surface;

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10           an electronic unit disposed in the cover member; and  
            an electrically connecting/engaging unit which detachably  
engages at least one of the cases and the cover member with each  
other, and electrically connects the electronic unit in at least  
one of the cases and the electronic unit in the cover member with  
15           each other.

18. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,  
wherein the electrically connecting/engaging unit comprises a  
first electrically connecting/engaging portion which is  
electrically connected to the electronic unit in at least one of  
5           the cases and is retractably projected from at least one of both  
side surfaces of at least one of the cases,

            a second electrically connecting/engaging portion which is  
electrically connected to the electronic unit in the cover member  
and is disposed on at least one of both side surface of the cover  
10           member, and

            the first electrically connecting/engaging portion is  
detachably engaged with the second electrically  
connecting/engaging portion.

19. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17,  
wherein a first engaging portion is disposed on a tip end surface  
of at least one of the cases, the tip end surface being

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positioned opposite to the hinge unit on at least one of the  
5 cases; and

a second engaging portion with which the first engaging portion is detachably engaged is disposed on a tip end surface of the cover member, the tip end surface being positioned opposite to the hinge unit on the cover member.

20. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 17, wherein the electronic unit has one of a display function, a television tuner function, a speaker function, a power source function, a camera function, a printer function, and a scanner function.

21. (Previously Presented) An electronic device according to claim 8, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.

22. (Previously Presented) A cover member according to claim 15, wherein the decoration includes at least one of a symbol, a graphic and a pattern.